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(54) **CROSS-LINKABLE CONDUCTIVE COMPOSITION, CONDUCTOR, AND PROCESS FOR FORMING THE SAME**

(57) The first of this invention is a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group and (b) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or carboxyl group of the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a).

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Description

TECHNICAL FIELD

5 This invention relates to a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition, an electric conductor comprising the composition and a process for forming the electric conductor. More particularly, it relates to a composition for forming an electric conductor excellent in water resistance and solvent resistance on the surface of a substrate, an electric conductor comprising the composition and a process for forming the electric conductor.

10 BACKGROUND ART

Electrically conducting polymers having a sulfonic acid group or a carboxyl group are expected to exhibit an excellent solubility in water and organic solvents, so that various synthesis methods have been studied. Also, there have been reported methods for forming electric conductors comprising these electrically conductive polymers as the main component, and the like (JP-A-61-197633, JP-A-63-39916, JP-A-01-301714, JP-A-05-504153, JP-A-05-503953, JP-A-04-32848, JP-A-04-328181, JP-A-06-145386, JP-A-06-56987, JP-A-05-226238, JP-A-05-178989, JP-A-06-293828, JP-A-07-118524, JP-A-06-82845, JP-A-06-87949, JP-A-06-256516, JP-A-07-41756, JP-A-07-48436 and JP-A-04-268331).

However, since these soluble, electrically conducting polymers are excellent in solubility in water and organic solvents, there is such a disadvantage that electrically conductive films composed of these polymers are rather inferior in water resistance and solvent resistance. The purpose of this invention is to enhance the water resistance and solvent resistance of an electrically conductive film composed of a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group or a carboxyl group.

25 DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

The first mode of this invention is a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group and (b) a thermally cross-linkable or ultraviolet ray (UV)- or electron beam (EB)-cross-linkable resin or paint (referred to hereinafter as the cross-linkable compound (b) in some cases).

The second mode of this invention is a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group, (c) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or the carboxyl group of the polymer (a) (referred to hereinafter as the cross-linkable compound (c) in some cases).

35 The third mode of this invention is a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group, (b) a thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint and (c) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or the carboxyl group of the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a).

The fourth mode of this invention is a cross-linkable, electric conductor in which on at least one surface of a substrate, there has been formed a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group, (b) a thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint and/or (c) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or the carboxyl group of the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a).

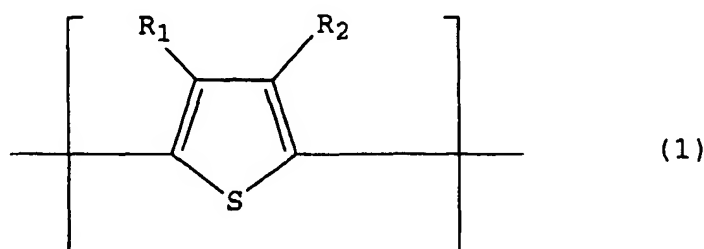
45 The fifth mode of this invention is a process for forming a cross-linkable, electric conductor which comprises forming on at least one surface of a substrate a film composed of a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group, (b) a thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint and/or (c) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or the carboxyl group of the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a), and thereafter cross-linking the film by heating or with an ionizing radiation to insolubilize the same.

50 BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

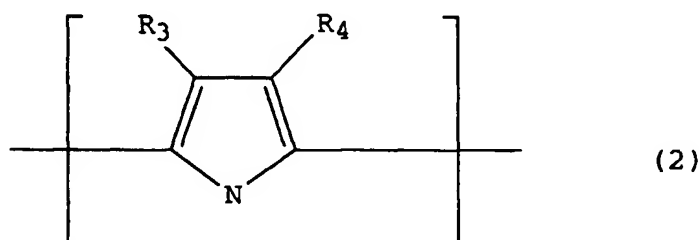
The soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) of this invention may be any soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group and is not particularly limited; however, specifically, there are preferably used the soluble, electrically conducting polymers shown in JP-A-61-197633, JP-A-63-39916, JP-A-01-301714, JP-A-05-504153, JP-A-05-503953, JP-A-04-32848, JP-A-04-328181, JP-A-06-145386, JP-A-06-56987, JP-A-05-226238, JP-A-05-178989, JP-A-06-293828, JP-A-07-118524, JP-A-06-82845, JP-A-06-87949, JP-A-06-256516, JP-A-07-41756, JP-A-07-48436 and JP-A-04-268331.

Specifically, there are mentioned soluble, electrically conducting polymers having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group, or an alkyl group or an alkyl group having an ether linkage substituted by a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group on the skeleton of a π -conjugated polymer comprising as a recurring unit an unsubstituted or substituted phenylenevinylene, carbazole, vinylene, thienylene, pyrrolylene, phenylene, iminophenylene, isothianaphthene, furene or carbazolyne or on any nitrogen atom in said polymer. Among them, there are particularly used the soluble, electrically conducting polymers having a skeleton comprising a thienylene, pyrrolylene, iminophenylene or isothianaphthene.

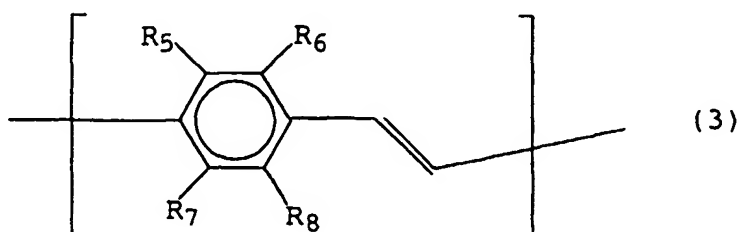
Preferable, soluble, electrically conducting polymers (a) are water-soluble, electrically conducting polymers having a molecular weight of 1,000 or more, preferably 2,000 or more and comprising as the recurring unit at least one member selected from the group consisting of:



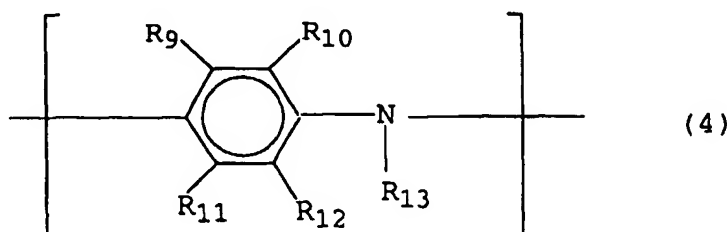
wherein each of $R_1 - R_2$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of R_1 and R_2 is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,



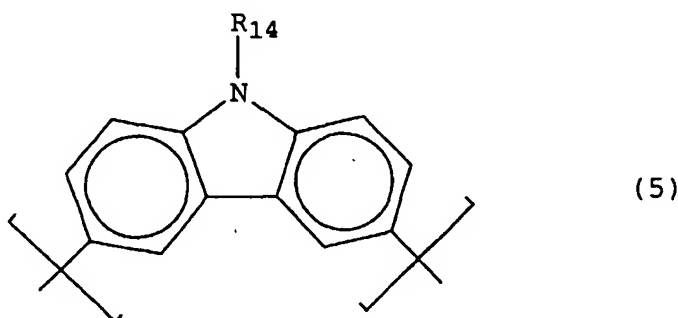
wherein each of $R_3 - R_4$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of R_3 and R_4 is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,



wherein each of $R_5 - R_8$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of $R_5 - R_8$ is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,



wherein each of $R_9 - R_{13}$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of $R_9 - R_{13}$ is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,



wherein R_{14} is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group.

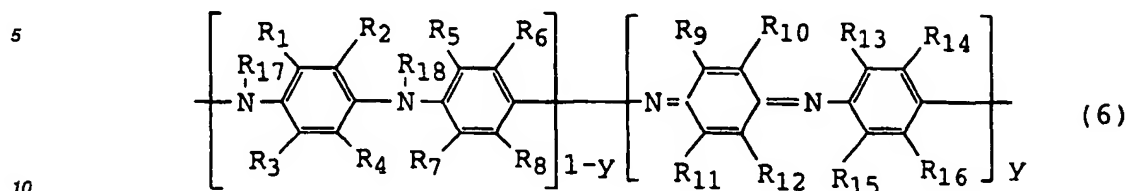
With respect to the cross-linking of these electrically conducting polymers, when a sulfonic acid group and a carboxyl group participating in doping is used in the cross-linking, there is such a disadvantage that when the number of cross-linking sites is made unnecessarily large, the electric conductivity becomes remarkably low. Accordingly, it is preferable to make the amount of the cross-linking agent added necessary and minimum. Specifically, it is preferable that a compound (c) having a functional group in an amount corresponding to 50 mole % or less, preferably 25 mole % or less, more preferably 10 mole % or less, further preferably 5 mole % or less, based on the sulfonic acid group and/or carboxyl group of the electrically conducting polymer is used because the lowering of the electric conductivity is small and the water resistance and solvent resistance are practical.

On the other hand, in the case where an electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group or a carboxyl group which does not participate in doping is used, even when the sulfonic acid group and carboxyl group are used in the cross-linking, the electric conductivity is not lowered, so that it is preferable. For example, in the doping of an electrically conducting polymer of aniline type, theoretically, it is sufficient that one sulfonic acid group or carboxyl group is present for 2 aromatic rings. Accordingly, when a soluble, electrically conducting polymer of aniline type having an acidic group such as sulfonic acid group or carboxyl group in an amount of at least 51%, preferably at least 60%, more preferably at least 70% and particularly preferably at least 80%, based on the aromatic ring is used, theoretically, it is possible to effect the cross-linking without lowering the electric conductivity and to sufficiently add the compound (c).

Also, when other electrically conducting polymers having at least 2 sulfonic acid groups on the aromatic ring are used, the same as mentioned above is also possible.

Among the above electrically conducting polymers, there are most preferably used electrically conducting polymers

of aniline type represented by the following general formula and containing the sulfonic acid group and/or carboxyl group in a proportion of about 20% or more based on the aromatic ring:

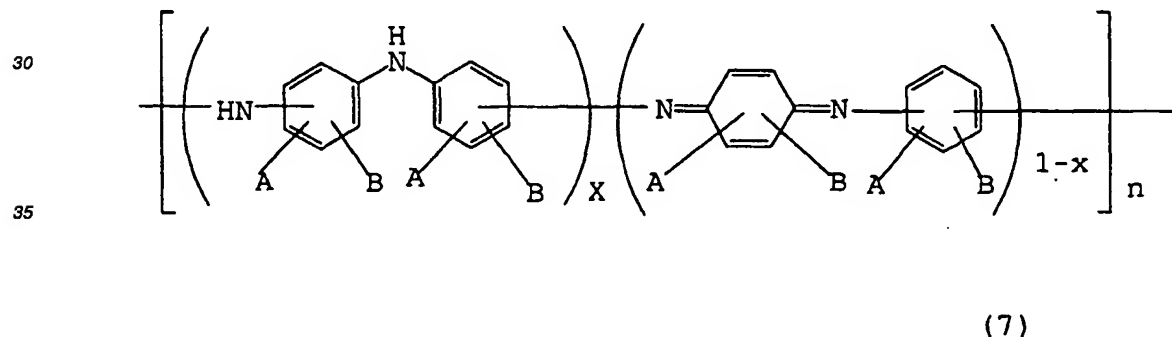


In the above formula, $0 \leq y \leq 1$, each of $R_1 - R_{18}$ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, SO_3^- , $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group, and at least one of $R_1 - R_{16}$ is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, COOH and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%.

Here, an electrically conducting polymer of aniline type in which the content of the sulfonic acid group and carboxyl group based on the aromatic ring is at least 50% is very good in solubility and hence preferably used, and the polymer of more preferably at least 70%, further preferably at least 90% and particularly preferably 100% is used.

The substituent which is added to the aromatic ring is preferably an electron-donative group in view of electric conductivity and solubility, and specifically, alkyl groups, alkoxy groups, halogen groups and the like are preferable, and in particular, electrically conducting polymers of aniline type having alkoxy groups are most preferable.

Among these combinations, the most preferable electrically conducting polymers of aniline type are represented by the following general formula (7):



In the above formula, A represents one group selected from the group consisting of sulfonic acid group, carboxyl group and alkali metal salts, ammonium salts and substituted ammonium salts of these groups; B represents one group selected from the group consisting of alkyl groups such as methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, isobutyl group, sec-butyl group, t-butyl group, dodecyl group, tetracosyl group and the like; alkoxy groups such as methoxy group, ethoxy group, n-propoxy group, isopropoxy group, n-butoxy group, isobutoxy group, sec-butoxy group, t-butoxy group, heptoxy group, hexoxy group, octoxy group, dodecoxy group, tetracosyloxy group and the like; halogen groups such as fluoro group, chloro group, bromo group and the like; x represents any number of 0 to 1; and n represents a degree of polymerization, preferably of 3 or more.

Those having a weight average molecular weight of 2,000 or more in terms of polyethylene glycol in GPC are excellent in electric conductivity, film-formability and film strength and hence preferably used. Those of 3,000 or more to 1,000,000 or less are more preferable, and those of 5,000 or more to 500,000 or less are further preferable. Here, polymers having a weight average molecular weight of 2,000 or less are excellent in solubility, but insufficient in film-formability and electric conductivity, and polymers having a weight average molecular weight of 1,000,000 or more are excellent in electric conductivity but insufficient in solubility.

The thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or dye (b) is not particularly limited; however, the curable resins and paints shown below are preferable:

As the thermally cross-linkable resins or paints, there are preferably used epoxy resins, oligoester acrylates, xylene resins, guanamine resins, diallyl phthalate, vinyl ester resins, phenol resins, unsaturated polyester resins, furan resins, polyimides, poly(p-hydroxybenzoic acid), polyurethanes, maleic resins, melamine resins, urea resins and the like.

As the UV- or EB-cross-linkable resins and paints, there are preferably used liquid polybutadiene compounds, unsaturated polyester compounds, polyenepolythiol compounds, cationically polymerizable compounds, aminoalkyd resins, urethane acrylate, epoxy acrylate, polyester acrylates, polyether acrylates, acrylate monomers, acrylic base resins such as acrylic oligomers, water-based acrylates and the like, etc.

As the polymerization initiator for the UV- or EB-cross-linkable resins and paints, there are used radical polymerization initiators, cationic polymerization initiators and the like. As examples of the radical polymerization initiators, there are mentioned benzophenone, acetophenone, acenaphthene quinone and benzophenone derivatives, as well as thioxantho, benzoin ether, benzyl dimethyl ketal, α -hydroxyalkylphenones, α -aminoalkylphenones, acylphosphin sand and the like. As examples of water-soluble radical polymerization initiators, there are mentioned 4-(2-hydroxyethoxy)phenyl (2-hydroxy-2-propyl) ketone, thioxantho ammonium salt, benzophenone ammonium salt and the like. As examples of the cationic polymerization initiators, there are mentioned Brønsted acid generating type initiators such as diaryl iodonium salts, triaryl sulfonium salts and the like; and Lewis acid type initiators such as aryl diazonium salt, iron arene complexes and the like. In addition, cation-anion hybrid type initiators are mentioned.

The cross-linkable compound (c) may be any compound having in the molecule at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or carboxyl group and is not particularly limited; however, there are preferably used low molecular weight compounds having at least two functional groups selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl group, silanol group, thiol group, amino group, epoxy group and these functional groups protected with a protective group and high molecular compounds having a recurring unit containing these functional groups.

In order to obtain a practically sufficient cross-linking, it is preferable that the cross-linkable compound (c) is not gasified in the drying step after the film-formation, so that the cross-linkable compound (c) has a boiling point of 30°C or more, preferably 50°C or more, more preferably 80°C, and particularly preferably 100°C or more.

Examples of the cross-linkable compound (c) include low molecular weight compounds such as diols and polyols, disilanol and polysilanol, dithiols and polythiols, diamines and polyamines, epoxy compounds, melamines and ureas, sugars and the like; and high molecular compounds having as a recurring unit at least one of the vinyl type, acrylic ester type, methacrylic ester type, acrylamide type and methacrylamide type monomers having a hydroxyl group, a thiol group, a silanol group, an amino group or an epoxy group.

As specific examples of the diols and polyols, there are used the compounds shown in Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, edited by The Society of Polymer Science and published by Baifukan January 30, 1986, pages 283 to 322, Table 23.1. Preferable are cycloaliphatic diols and polyols having a relatively low cross-linking temperature. Specific examples thereof include ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,2-pentanediol, 1,3-pentanediol, 1,4-pentanediol, 1,5-pentanediol, 2,3-pentanediol, 2,4-pentanediol, 1,2-hexanediol, 1,3-hexanediol, 1,4-hexanediol, 1,5-hexanediol, 1,6-hexanediol, 2,3-hexanediol, 2,4-hexanediol, 2,5-hexanediol, diethylene glycol, triethylene glycol, tetraethylene glycol, pentaethylene glycol, hexaethylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, tripropylene glycol, thiodiethanol, 3,6-dithio-1,8-octanediol, 3,6,9-trithio-1,11-dodecanediol, 1,2-cyclopentanediol, 1,3-cyclopentanediol, 1,4-cyclopentanediol, 1,2-cyclohexanediol, 1,3-cyclohexanediol, 1,4-cyclohexanediol, 1,5-cyclohexanediol, 1,2-cyclohexanedimethanol, 1,3-cyclohexanedimethanol, 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, 1,5-cyclohexanedimethanol, o-methylolcyclohexanol, m-methylolcyclohexanol, p-methylolcyclohexanol, o-xylene glycol, m-xylene glycol, p-xylene glycol, hydroquinone, bisphenol A, glycerin, trimethylolpropane, 1,2,3-butanetriol, 1,2,4-butanetriol, 1,2,3-pentanetriol, 1,2,4-pentanetriol, 1,2,5-pentanetriol, 2,3,4-pentanetriol, trimethylolmethane, tetramethylolmethane, 1,2,3-cyclohexanetriol, 1,2,4-cyclohexanetriol, 1,2,5-cyclohexanetriol, 1,3,5-cyclohexanetriol, 1,2,3-cyclohexanetrimethanol, 1,2,4-cyclohexanetrimethanol, 1,2,5-cyclohexanetrimethanol, 1,3,5-cyclohexanetrimethanol and the like.

As specific examples of the dithiols and polythiols, there are used the compounds shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 347 to 349, Table 25.2. Specific examples thereof include 4-ethylbenzene-1,3-dithiol, 1,2-ethanedithiol, 1,8-octanedithiol, 1,1-cyclohexanedithiol, 1,2-cyclohexanedithiol, 1,1-cyclobutanedithiol, 1,1-cyclopentanedithiol, 1,3-diphenylpropane-2,2-dithiol, 2,6-dimethyloctane-2,6-dithiol, 2,6-dimethyloctane-3,7-dithiol, 2,4-dimethylbenzene-1,3-dithiol, 4,5-dimethylbenzene-1,3-dithiol, 3,3-dimethylbutane-2,2-dithiol, 2,2-dimethylpropane-1,3-dithiol, 1,3-di(p-methoxyphenyl)propane-2,2-dithiol, 3,4-dimethoxybutane-1,2-dithiol and the like.

As specific examples of the diamines and polyamines, there are used the compounds shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 241 to 255, Table 21.1. Specific examples thereof include ethylenediamine, N-methylethylenediamine, N,N'-dimethylethylenediamine, N-ethylethylenediamine, N-methyl-N'-ethylethylenediamine, N,N'-diethylethylenediamine, N-propylethylenediamine, N-isopropylethylenediamine, N-butylethylenediamine, N,N'-dibutylethylenediamine, N-pentylethylenediamine, N-heptylethylenediamine, N-octylethylenediamine, 1,2-diaminopropane, N,N'-dimethyl-1,2-diaminopropane, 2,3-diaminobutane, 1,3-diamino-2-methylpropane, pentame-

thylenediamine, 2,3-diaminopentane, 2,4-diaminopentane, 1,3-diamino-2-methylbutane, 1,4-diamino-2-methylbutane, hexamethylenediamine, 1,4-diaminoheptane, heptamethylenediamine, 2,3-diaminoheptane, 1,6-diaminooctane, octamethylenediamine, 2,3-diaminooctane, nonamethylenediamine, decamethylenediamine, undecamethylenediamine, dodecamethylenediamine, 1,12-diaminooctadecane, 1,2-diaminocyclohexane, 1,3-diaminocyclohexane, 1,4-diaminocyclohexane, o-phenylenediamine, m-phenylenediamine, p-phenylenediamine, 4-amino-2-methylaminotoluene, 4-amino-2-ethylaminotoluene, 3-amino-4-methylbenzylamine, naphthylenediamine-(1,2), naphthylenediamine-(1,3), naphthylenediamine-(1,4), naphthylenediamine-(1,5), naphthylenediamine-(1,6), naphthylenediamine-(1,7), naphthylenediamine-(1,8), naphthylenediamine-(2,3), naphthylenediamine-(2,6), naphthylenediamine-(2,7), 4,4'-diaminostyrene, bis(4-aminophenyl)acetylene, ethylene glycol bis(2-aminophenylether), 2,2'-diaminodiphenyl ether, 2,2'-diaminodiphenyl sulfide, 2,2'-diaminodiphenylsulfone, 2,2'-diaminodiphenyl disulfide, hydroquinone bis(4-aminophenylether), 4,4'-diaminodibenzyl sulfide, 2,4-diaminonaphthol-(1), 2-hydroxybenzidine, 4,4'-diaminodiphenylcarbinol, 4,4'-diamino-3'-hydroxy-3-methyldiphenyl, 4,4'-diamino-2-hydroxytriphenylmethane, 4,4'-diaminotriphenylcarbinol, 3,5-diaminocatechol, 2,5-diamino-9,10-dihydroxyphenanthrene, 4,6-diaminopyrogallol, 4,6-diamino-2-methylfluoroglucine and the like.

As specific examples of the epoxy compounds, there are used the compounds shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 194 - 195, Table 18.1 and 2. Specific examples thereof include 1,3-diglycidyl-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, 1,3-diglycidyl-5-methyl-5-ethylhydantoin, glycerol diglycidyl ether, N,N'-diglycidyl-5,5-dimethylhydantoin, polypropylene glycol diglycidyl ether, glycerin triglycidyl ether, trimethylolpropane triglycidyl ether and the like.

As specific examples of the melamines and ureas, there are used the compounds shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 237 to 238, Table 20.1 and 2. Specific examples thereof include melamine, N²,N⁴,N⁶-trimethylmelamine, N⁴-methyl-N²-ethylmelamine, benzoguanamine, N²-phenylmelamine, N³,N⁴,N⁶-triethylmelamine, N²,N⁴-diphenylmelamine, N²,N⁴,N⁶-tri-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)melamine, N²,N⁴,N⁶-tri-(2-chlorophenyl)melamine, N²,N⁴,N⁶-triphenylmelamine, N²,N⁴,N⁶-tri-p-tolylmelamine, N², N⁴, N⁶-tri- α -naphthylmelamine, N²,N⁴,N⁶-tri- β -naphthylmelamine, hexamethoxymethylolmelamine, urea, thiourea, guanidine, semicarbazide, monoformylurea, biuret, guanylurea, monomethylolurea, oxalylurea, ethylenethiourea, ethyleneurea, monoacetylurea, carbonyldiurea, dianthylidenetriurea and the like.

As specific examples of the sugars, there are used the compounds shown in Chemical Handbook, Fundamental edition, revised 4th edition edited by The Chemical Society of Japan and published by Maruzen Kabushiki Kaisha September 30, 1993, pages 1-519 to 523, Structural Formulas 18.1 to 18.105. Specific examples thereof include erythritol, D-erythulose, D-erythrose, D-threose, D-arabinose, β -D-arabinose, β -L-arabinose, D-xylulose, L-xylulose, D-xylose, α -D-xylose, 2-deoxy-D-ribose, 2-deoxy- β -D-ribose, D-lyxose, α -D-lyxose, α -L-lyxose, D-ribulose, D-ribose D-arabitol, ribitol, D-altrose, β -D-altrose, D-allose, β -D-allose, D-idose, D-galactose, α -D-galactose, β -D-galactose, α -L-galactose, D-quinovose, α -D-quinovose, D-glucose, α -D-glucose, β -D-glucose, D-gulose, L-sorbose, D-tagatose, D-talose, α -D-talose, 2-deoxy-D-glucose, D-fucose, D-psicose, D-fructose, galactitol, D-glucitol, D-mannitol and the like.

Those compounds whose functional group has been protected with a protective group such as ether, ester, acetal, hemiacetal or the like and the compounds shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 194 to 207, Table 18.1 to 18.13 which produce hydroxyl group and the like upon ring-opening can also be used as the cross-linkable compounds (c).

Mentioning here all the cross-linkable compounds stated in the above publications is omitted, but the contents of the above publications are incorporated into the present specification by reference.

The monomer (A) constituting the macromolecular compound as the cross-linking compound (c) includes monomers (A) such as vinylic monomers, acrylic monomers, methacrylic monomers, acrylamide monomers, methacrylamide monomers, vinylamine monomers, silanol group-containing monomers and the like. The vinylic monomers include vinyl alcohol, allyl alcohol, vinylamine, allylamine and the like. The acrylic monomers include 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl acrylate, 2-hydroxycyclohexyl acrylate, (1-hydroxycyclohexyl)methyl acrylate, 2-(2-hydroxy-1,1-dimethylethoxy)-1,1-dimethylethyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-3-sulfoethyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-3-piperidinopropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-3-phenylethyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-3-phenoxypropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxybutyl acrylate, 4-hydroxybutyl acrylate, 2-hydroxypropyl acrylate, 3-hydroxypropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-3-(propenyloxy)propyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-3-propoxypropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl acrylate, 2-hydroxy-2-methoxypropyl acrylate, 3-hydroxy-2-(methoxymethyl)-4-pentenyl-2-hydroxy-2-methylpropyl acrylate, glycidyl acrylate, 12-hydroxydodecyl acrylate, 13-hydroxytridecyl acrylate, 18-hydroxyoctadecyl acrylate, 24-hydroxytetracosyl acrylate and the like. The methacrylic monomers include 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, 3-hydroxybutyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxy-1-ethyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxypropyl methacrylate, glycidyl methacrylate, 12-hydroxydodecyl methacrylate, 13-hydroxytridecyl methacrylate, 18-hydroxyoctadecyl methacrylate, 24-hydroxytetracosyl methacrylate and the like. The acrylamide and methacrylamide monomers include N-(2-hydroxyphenyl)methacrylamide, N-(2-hydroxyethyl)acrylamide, N-(2-hydroxypropyl)acrylamide, N-(1,1-dimethyl-2-hydroxyethyl)acrylamide, N-(1-ethyl-2-hydroxyethyl)acrylamide, N-(1,1-dimethyl-3-hydroxybutyl)acrylamide, N-[1,1-bis(hydroxymethyl)ethyl]acrylamide, N-[2-(hydroxy-1,1-bis(hydroxymethyl)ethyl)]acrylamide, N,N-bis(2-(hydroxy-

thyl)acrylamide, 1-acrylamido-1-deoxy-D-glucitol, N-(2-hydroxyethyl)methacrylamide, N-(2-hydroxypropyl)methacrylamide, N-(1,1-dimethyl-2-hydroxyethyl)methacrylamide, N-(2,2-dimethyl-2-hydroxyethyl)methacrylamide, N-(1-ethyl-2-hydroxyethyl)methacrylamide, N-(1,1-dimethyl-3-hydroxypropyl)methacrylamide, N-[1,1-bis(hydroxymethyl)ethyl]methacrylamide, N-[2-hydroxy-1,1-bis(hydroxymethyl)ethyl]methacrylamide, N-(1,1-dimethyl-3-hydroxybutyl)methacrylamide, N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N-methylmethacrylamide, 1-methacrylamido-1-deoxyglucitolmethacrylamide, N-(hydroxymethyl)acrylamide, N-(hydroxymethyl)methacrylamide, 12-hydroxydodecylmethacrylamide, 13-hydroxytridecylmethacrylamide, 18-hydroxyoctadecylmethacrylamide, 24-hydroxytetracosylmethacrylamide, N,N-dimethylhydroxypropylamine-N-acrylamide, N-methylolacrylamide, N-methylolmethacrylamide, N-(hydroxymethyl)acrylamide and the like. The vinylamine monomers include the monomers shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 170 to 173, Table 15.1. Specific examples thereof include vinyl ethylamine, vinyl butylamine, vinyl dodecylamine, vinyl benzylamine, vinyl cyclohexylamine and the like. As specific examples of the silanol group-containing monomers, there are mentioned silanol group-containing monomers obtained by hydrolyzing silyl group-containing monomers such as ethylenically unsaturated alkoxysilanes, ethylenically unsaturated acyloxysilanes and the like. Specific examples of the ethylenically unsaturated alkoxysilanes include acrylatealkoxysilanes (for example, γ -acryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane, γ -acryloxypropyltriethoxysilane) and methacrylatealkoxysilanes [for example, γ -methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane, γ -methacryloxypropyltriethoxysilane, γ -methacryloxypropyltris(2-methoxyethoxy)silane]. Specific examples of the ethylenically unsaturated acyloxysilanes include acrylateacetoxysilane, methacrylateacetoxysilane, ethylenically unsaturated acetoxysilanes (for example, acrylatepropyltriacetoxysilane, methacrylatepropyltriacetoxysilane) and the like.

In addition to the above-mentioned monomers, other monomers (B) copolymerizable with the above-mentioned monomers can also be used. The said other copolymerizable monomers (B) are not particularly limited; however, preferably, there are mentioned vinylic monomers, vinyl ether monomers, acrylic monomers, methacrylic monomers, acrylamide monomers and methacrylamide monomers. As the vinylic monomers, there are preferably used the monomers shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 79 to 81, Table 6.1. Specific examples thereof include vinyl acetate, allyl acetate, vinyl acetate, vinyl (2-ethoxyethoxy)acetate, vinyl isobutyrate, vinyl butyrate and the like. As the vinyl ether monomers, there are preferably used the monomers shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 85 to 89, Table 7.1. Specific examples thereof include alkyl vinyl ethers (the alkyl group includes methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, isobutyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, dodecyl, tridecyl, octadecyl, tetracosyl and the like); alkenyl vinyl ethers (the alkenyl group includes vinyl, allyl, 1-methylallyl, 2-methylallyl (methallyl), 3-methylallyl and the like); alkynyl vinyl ethers (the alkynyl group includes ethynyl (acetylenyl), propyl-1-ynyl, propyl-2-ynyl, butyl-1-ynyl, butyl-2-ynyl, butyl-3-ynyl and the like); aralkyl vinyl ethers (the aralkyl group includes benzyl, p-methylbenzyl and the like); phenyl vinyl ether, hydroxyalkyl vinyl ethers (the hydroxyalkyl group includes 2-hydroxyethyl, 3-hydroxypropyl, 3-hydroxybutyl, 4-hydroxybutyl, 5-hydroxypentyl, 12-hydroxydodecyl, 24-hydroxytetracosyl, diethylene glycolmono, triethylene glycolmono, 2-methoxyethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl, acetoxymethyl, 2-acetoxyethyl and the like); meso-1,2-diphenylethylene glycol methylvinyl ether, m-phenylenebis(ethylene glycol)divinyl ether, aminoalkyl vinyl ethers (the aminoalkyl group includes 2-aminoethyl, 2-dimethylaminoethyl, 2-diethylaminoethyl, 2-n-butylaminoethyl, 5-diethylaminopentyl, 1,2-diethylaminododecyl, 2,4-diethylaminotetracosyl, diethanolaminomono and the like); thioalkyl vinyl ethers (the thioalkyl group includes 2-methylthioethyl, 2-ethylthioethyl, 2-n-propylthioethyl, 2-n-butylthioethyl, 2-n-dodecylthioethyl, 2-n-tetracosylthioethyl, 2-cyanoethyl vinyl monomer and the like). As the acrylic monomers, there are preferably used the monomers shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 106 to 113, Table 10.1. Specific examples thereof include 2-acetoacetoxypropyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, 1-ethylpropyl acrylate, 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, oxiranylmethyl acrylate, cyanomethyl acrylate, 1,1-dimethylethyl acrylate, trimethylsilyl acrylate, nonyl acrylate, phenyl acrylate, hexyl acrylate, methyl acrylate, 1-methylethyl acrylate, 1-methoxyethyl acrylate, 2-methoxyethyl acrylate and the like. As the methacrylic monomers, there are preferably used the monomers shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 122 to 125, Table 11.1, and specific examples thereof include 1-acetyethyl methacrylate, acetylmethyl methacrylate, 2-acetoxyethyl methacrylate, 2-acetoxypropyl methacrylate, n-amyl methacrylate, isoamyl methacrylate, tert-amyl methacrylate, allyl methacrylate, allyloxymethyl methacrylate, isoamyl methacrylate, isobutyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, dimethylaminoethyl methacrylate, stearyl methacrylate, nonyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, 3-hydroxybutyl methacrylate, 2-hydroxy-1-ethyl methacrylate, vinyl methacrylate, n-butyl methacrylate, methyl methacrylate, 1-methylamyl methacrylate and the like. As the acrylamide and methacrylamide monomers, there are preferably used the monomers shown in the above-mentioned Polymer Data Handbook, Fundamental edition, pages 128 to 137, Table 12.1. Specific examples thereof include acrylamide, methacrylamide, N-methylacrylamide, N-ethylacrylamide, N-isopropylacrylamide, N-n-butylacrylamide, N-sec-butylacrylamide, N-isobutylacrylamide, N-tert-butylacrylamide, N-(1,1-dimethylbutyl)acrylamide, N-n-octylacrylamide, N-dodecylacrylamide, N,N-dimethylhydroxypropylamine-N-methacrylamide, N-methylmethacrylamide, N-ethylmethacrylamide, N-n-butylmethacrylamide, N-tert-butylmethacrylamide, N-allylmethacrylamide, N,N-dimethylacrylamide, N,N-diethylacrylamide, N,N-dibutylacrylamide, N,N-diisobutylacrylamide, N-(methoxymethyl)acrylamide, N-(ethoxymethyl)acrylamide, N-(n-propoxymethyl)acrylamide, N-(isopropoxyme-

thyl)acrylamide, N-(n-butoxymethyl)acrylamide, N-(isobutoxymethyl)acrylamide, N-(allyloxymethyl)acrylamide, N-[(2-cyanoethyl)oxymethyl]acrylamide, N-methylmethacrylamide, N,N'-methylenebismethacrylamide, N-(2-dimethylaminoethyl)acrylamide, N-(2-diethylaminoethyl)acrylamide, N-(4-dimethylaminobutyl)acrylamide, N-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)methacrylamide, N-(2,2-dimethyl-3-dimethylaminopropyl)methacrylamide, N-(3-methylaminopropyl)methacrylamide, 2-acrylamidopropanesulfonic acid, 2-acrylamido-n-butanesulfonic acid, 2-acrylamido-n-hexanesulfonic acid, N-formylacrylamide, N-acetylacrylamide, N-(2-oxopropyl)acrylamide, N-(1-methyl-2-oxopropyl)acrylamide, N-(1-isobutyl-2-oxopropyl)acrylamide, ethyl-2-acrylamidoacetate, diethyl-N-acryloyliminobisacetate, acryloyldicyandiamide, methacryloyldicyandiamide and the like. Among the said other copolymerizable monomers (B), preferably used are methacrylate esters such as methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, butyl methacrylate, dodecyl methacrylate, tetracosyl methacrylate and the like and acrylate esters such as methyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, dodecyl acrylate, tetracosyl acrylate and the like. In order to enhance the adhesiveness to a substrate, an additive and the like, anionic group-containing monomers may be used.

Mentioning here all the compounds stated in the above publication is omitted; however, the contents of the above publication are incorporated into the present specification by reference.

The copolymerization ratio of the monomer (A) of the copolymer is not particularly limited; however, it is preferably at least 0.01 mole %, more preferably at least 0.1 mole %, further preferably at least 1 mole %, and particularly preferably at least 5 mole %.

The high molecular compound as the cross-linkable compound (c) is used in the form of a solution formed by dissolving in a solvent or in the form of an emulsion formed by dispersing in a suitable solvent. To this emulsion can be added a general resin which is usually used in such a dispersion. Also, if necessary, various binders may be mixed and used. As the binder used, there are mentioned resins such as acrylic resin, methacrylic resin, polyester resin, vinyl chloride resin, vinyl acetate resin, ethylene resin and the like.

The cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention is a composition comprising the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) and the thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint (b) and/or the cross-linkable compound (c) as the main components, these being, if necessary, dissolved in the solvent (d).

Specifically, it is a composition obtained by dissolving or dispersing the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) in a solution of the thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint (b) or a solution obtained by dissolving this solution in a suitable solvent (d); a composition obtained by dissolving or dispersing the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) in a solution or emulsion obtained by dissolving the cross-linkable compound (c) in a suitable solvent (d); or a composition obtained by dissolving or dispersing the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) in a solution obtained by dissolving the thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint (b) and the compound (c) in a suitable solvent (d).

As to the solvent (d), it is preferable that the solvent in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is dissolved is different from the solvent in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is dispersed.

When the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is dissolved, the solvent (d) may be a solvent capable of dissolving the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a), the thermally cross-linkable or UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint (b) and/or the cross-linkable compound (c) and it is not particularly limited. However, preferably used are water, alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, isopropyl alcohol, propyl alcohol butanol and the like; ethylene glycols such as ethylene glycol, ethylene glycol methyl ether, ethylene glycol ethyl ether, diethylene glycol methyl ether, diethylene glycol ethyl ether, diethylene glycol butyl ether, diethylene glycol dimethyl ether, diethylene glycol diethyl ether and the like; propylene glycols such as propylene glycol, propylene glycol methyl ether, propylene glycol ethyl ether, propylene glycol butyl ether, propylene glycol dimethyl ether, propylene glycol diethyl ether and the like; ethyl lactate; dimethylformamide; dimethylacetamide; N-methylpyrrolidone; and the like, and a mixed solvent of them may be used.

The solvent (d) used for dispersing the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) may be any solvent capable of dissolving the thermally cross-linkable UV- or EB-cross-linkable resin or paint (b) and/or the cross-linkable compound (c), and is not particularly limited. However, preferably used are aromatic hydrocarbon organic solvents such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, propylbenzene, t-butylbenzene, o-xylene, m-xylene, p-xylene, tetralin, decalin and the like; alcohol type organic solvents such as methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, n-propyl alcohol, i-propyl alcohol, n-butyl alcohol, i-butyl alcohol, n-hexyl alcohol, n-octyl alcohol, i-octyl alcohol, 2-ethylhexyl alcohol and the like; propylene glycol alkyl ether type organic solvents such as propylene glycol methyl ether, propylene glycol dimethyl ether, propylene glycol ethyl ether, propylene glycol diethyl ether, propylene glycol n-propyl ether, propylene glycol i-propyl ether, propylene glycol di-n-propyl ether, propylene glycol di-i-propyl ether, propylene glycol n-butyl ether, propylene glycol i-butyl ether, propylene glycol di-n-butyl ether, propylene glycol di-i-butyl ether and the like; ketone type organic solvents such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone methyl isobutyl ketone, methyl amyl ketone, cyclohexanone and the like; ester type organic solvents such as methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, n-butyl acetate, amyl acetate and the like; Cellosolve type organic solvents such as methyl Cellosolve, ethyl Cellosolve, i-propyl Cellosolve, n-butyl Cellosolve, phenyl Cellosolve, benzyl Cellosolve and the like; carbitol type organic solvents such as methyl carbitol, ethyl carbitol, n-propyl carbitol, i-propyl carbitol, n-butyl carbitol, i-butyl carbitol, i-amyl carbitol phenyl carbitol, benzyl carbitol and the like; hydroxy ester

type organic solvents such as ethyl lactate, methyl lactate and the like; etc.

The composition ratio of the components (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the cross-linkable, electrically conducting composition containing the solvent (d) is such that, per 100 parts by weight of the solvent (d), (a) + (b), (a) + (c) or (a) + (b) + (c) is preferably 0.01 to 500 parts by weight, more preferably 0.1 to 200 parts by weight, and further preferably 0.5 to 100 parts by weight.

In order to lower the dispersibility and surface tension of the cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention, various additives can further be added to the composition. As the additives, a surfactant, a blocking agent and the like are mentioned. The surfactant may be any one as far as it does not obstruct the dissolution or dispersion of the cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention, and is not particularly limited. There are used anionic, cationic and nonionic surfactants, and preferable are anionic and nonionic surfactants. The nonionic surfactant includes, for example, polyoxyalkylene alkyl ethers such as polyoxyethylene lauryl ether, polyoxyethylene stearyl ether and the like; polyoxyalkylene alkylphenyl ethers such as polyoxyethylene octylphenyl ether, polyoxyethylene nonylphenyl ether and the like; sorbitan fatty acid esters such as sorbitan monolaurate, sorbitan monostearate, sorbitan trioleate and the like; polyoxyalkylene sorbitan fatty acid esters such as polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate and the like; polyoxyalkylene fatty acid esters such as polyoxyethylene monolaurate, polyoxyethylene monostearate and the like; glycerin fatty acid esters such as oleic acid monoglyceride, stearic acid monoglyceride and the like; polyoxyethylenepolypropylene block copolymers; and the like. The anionic surfactant includes, for example, fatty acid salts such as sodium stearate, sodium oleate, sodium laurate and the like; alkylarylsulfonic acid salts such as sodium dodecylbenzenesulfonate and the like; alkylsulfuric acid ester salts such as sodium laurylsulfate and the like; alkylsulfosuccinic acid ester salts and their derivatives such as sodium monooctylsulfosuccinate, sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate, sodium polyoxyethylene laurylsulfosuccinate and the like; polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether sulfuric acid ester salts such as sodium polyoxyethylene lauryl ether sulfate and the like; polyoxyalkylene alkylaryl ether sulfuric acid ester salts such as sodium polyoxyethylene nonylphenyl ether sulfate and the like; etc. The cationic surfactant includes, for example, alkylamine salts such as laurylamine acetate and the like; quaternary ammonium salts such as lauryltrimethylammonium chloride, alkylbenzyltrimethylammonium chloride and the like; polyoxyethylalkylamines; and the like. When the surfactant is used, the amount of the surfactant used is preferably 0 to 5% by weight, preferably 0 to 3%, based on the total of the cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition. When the amount exceeds 3% by weight, the water resistance and strength of the thin film obtained are inferior in some cases. The blocking agent includes aliphatic hydrocarbon type blocking agents such as liquid paraffin having 16 or more carbon atoms, microcrystalline wax, natural paraffin, synthetic paraffin, polyolefin wax and their partial oxides, fluorides and chlorides; higher aliphatic alcohol/higher fatty acid type blocking agents such as higher aliphatic alcohol having 16 or more carbon atoms/higher fatty acid and the like; metal soap type blocking agents such as metal salts of fatty acids having 10 or more carbon atoms and the like; fatty acid ester type block agents; fatty acid amide type blocking agents; fluorine-containing block agents and the like.

The proportions of the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) and the cross-linkable compounds (b) and/or (c) is such that (b)/(a), (c)/(a) or [(b) + (c)]/(a) is 0.01/100 to 9900/100, preferably 0.1/100 to 900/100, and more preferably 1/100 to 800/100. When the ratio of (b), (c) or (b) + (c) to (a) exceeds 9900/100, no practical electric conductivity is obtained, and when it is less than 0.01/100, the cross-linking becomes insufficient and the solvent resistance and water resistance become inferior.

The cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention is formed by coating on the surface of a substrate and thereafter heating and drying. As the coating method, there is used a method such as spin coating, dip coating, cast coating, roll coating, spraying or the like. The coating may be applied to a film before orientation, a film after monoaxial orientation or biaxial orientation, a plastic before molding, and a plastic after molding. The substrate includes various plastics and films such as various polyesters, polypropylene, polyethylene, poly(vinyl chloride), polystyrene, polycarbonate, epoxy resin, nylon, fluorocarbon resin, polysulfone, polyimide, silicone resin, polyurethane, synthetic paper, phenol resin and the like; paper, iron, aluminum, copper, zinc, nickel, stainless steel and the like. The heating and drying temperature is usually 50°C or more, preferably 60°C to 500°C, and more preferably 80°C to 400°C.

After the formation of a film by the above method, the cross-linkable composition is insolubilized in water or a solvent by heating or irradiation with an ionizing radiation or a combination of them.

The temperature for cross-linking is preferably 80°C or more, more preferably 100°C to 500°C and further preferably 120°C to 400°C. As the ionizing radiation used for the cross-linking, there are preferably used ultraviolet ray (UV), far ultraviolet ray, electron beam (EB), proton beam and the like. It is also effective to use them in combination.

The temperature at which the cross-linkable (b) is cross-linked with the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is varied depending upon the kind of the cross-linkable compound (b) and is as shown in the following Table 1.

Table 1

Classification	Name of compound	Cross-linking starting temp.
Polyol	Polyvinyl alcohol	about 130°C
	MMA-HEMA ¹⁾ copolymer emulsion	about 130°C
Cycloaliphatic diol	1,4-Cyclohexanediol	about 150°C
	1,4-Cyclohexanedimethanol	about 150°C
Sugar	Glucose	about 180°C
Acyclic aliphatic diol	Diethylene glycol	about 200°C
Aromatic diol	Bisphenol A	about 200°C

1): Methyl methacrylate-hydroxyethyl methacrylate

The cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention comprising the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) and the cross-linkable compound (b) and/or the cross-linkable compound (c) may be a system in which (a) is dissolved or dispersed in (b) and/or (c), or a system in which (a) and (b) and/or (c) are dissolved in the solvent (d), or a system in which (b) and/or (c) is dispersed in a system consisting of (a) and the solvent (d). When a system in which the cross-linkable compound (a) and/or (c) is dispersed is used and formed into, for example, a coating film, it follows that a part of the particles of (b) and/or (c) is covered with (a) and only a part of the surface layer of the particle is cross-linked, so that the layer is insolubilized as a whole, but the cross-linking reaction does not proceed to the interior of the particle and hence the lowering of electric conductivity becomes very small, which is very preferable.

The cross-linkable, electric conductor of this invention can be formed by coating the cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention on at least one surface of the substrate by a simple method such as a spray coating method, a dip coating method, a roll coating method, a gravure coating method, a reverse coating method, a roll brush coating method, an air-knife coating method, a curtain coating method or the like. The coating may be effected in the course of producing a polyester film, a polypropylene film, a nylon film or the like as the substrate, for example, in a step such as the monoaxial orientation method, the biaxial orientation method or the like, or may be applied to the film which has been subjected to orientation treatment.

This invention is explained in more detail below referring to Examples; however, the Examples do not limit the scope of this invention.

(Synthesis of electrically conducting polymer having sulfonic acid group and carboxyl group)

Reference Example 1 Synthesis of poly(2-sulfo-5-methoxy-1,4-iminophenylene) (I)

In a 4 moles/liter aqueous ammonia solution was dissolved with stirring 100 millimoles of 2-aminoanisole-4-sulfonic acid and thereto was dropwise added an aqueous solution of 100 millimoles of ammonium peroxodisulfate. After completion of the dropping, stirring was further effected at 25°C for 12 hours, and thereafter, the reaction product was separated by filtration, washed and dried, to obtain 15 g of a polymer powder. The volume resistivity of this polymer was 9.0 Ω cm.

Reference Example 2 Synthesis of poly(2-sulfo-1,4-iminophenylene) (II)

Poly(2-sulfo-1,4-iminophenylene) (II) was synthesized according to a known method [J. Am. Chem. Soc., (1991), 113, 2665-2666]. The content of the sulfonic acid group obtained was 52% based on the aromatic ring. The volume resistivity of the compound (II) was 50 Ω cm.

Reference Example 3 Synthesis of poly(N-sulfopropyl-1,4-iminophenylene) (III)

Poly(N-sulfopropyl-1,4-iminophenylene) (III) was synthesized according to a known method [J. Chem. Soc., Chem. Commun., 1990, 180].

Reference Example 4 Synthesis of poly(sulfopropyl-2,5-thienylene) (IV)

Poly(sulfopropyl-2,5-thienylene)(IV) was synthesized according to a known method [The 39th Preprint of The Society of Polymer Science, Japan, 1990, 561].

Reference Example 5 Synthesis of poly(2-carbonyl-1,4-iminophenylene) (V)

In a 4 moles/liter aqueous ammonia solution was dissolved with stirring 100 millimoles of 2-aminoanisole-4-carboxylic acid at 25°C, and thereto was dropwise added an aqueous solution of 100 millimoles of ammonium peroxodisulfate. After completion of the dropping, stirring was further effected at 25°C for 12 hours and thereafter the reaction product was separated by filtration, washed and dried, to obtain 10 g of a polymer powder.

(Preparation of cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition)

Examples 1 to 30 and Comparative Examples 1 and 2

The soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) synthesized in Reference Examples 1 to 5 and the cross-linkable compound (c) were dissolved in a solvent (d) to prepare a cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition.

Examples 1 to 10 are examples of preparing a homogeneous composition in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) and the cross-linkable compound (c) are dissolved together in the solvent (d) and Examples 11 to 14 are examples of preparing a heterogenous composition in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is dissolved in the solvent (d), but the cross-linkable compound (c) is suspended. Examples 15 to 20 are examples of a preparing homogeneous composition in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) and the cross-linkable compound (b) are dissolved together in the solvent (d) or a heterogenous composition in which the cross-linkable compound (b) is suspended. Examples 21 to 25 are examples of preparing a composition in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer is dispersed in a system in which the cross-linkable compound (b) is dissolved in the solvent (d). Examples 26 to 30 are examples of preparing a homogeneous composition in which the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) and the cross-linkable compounds (b) and (c) are dissolved together in the solvent (d) or a heterogenous composition in which the cross-linkable (b) is suspended in the solvent (d). Comparative Examples 1 and 2 are examples in which the cross-linkable compounds are not added and a compound having no cross-linkability is substituted for the cross-linkable compound, respectively.

This composition was coated on a glass substrate or a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film substrate, and thereafter, dried at 80°C. This substrate was cross-linked under the predetermined conditions and thereafter dipped in water and acetone to evaluate the water resistance and solvent resistance. The results thereof are shown in Tables 2 to 8.

Table 2

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
1	15 wt. parts	PVA ¹⁾ 0.5 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	PEG-octyl phenyl ether	150°C × 5 min	5×10^5	⊙	⊙
2	12.5 wt. parts	PVA 2.5 wt. parts	Water/IPA ²⁾ = 7/3 100 wt. parts	Leveling agent	120°C × 10 min	1×10^7	⊙	⊙
3	15 wt. parts	Hexamethoxymethylol-melamine 0.5 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	-	200°C × 5 min	2×10^7	⊙	⊙
4	15 wt. parts	1,4-Cyclohexanediol 1 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	-	180°C × 5 min	1×10^6	⊙	⊙

Table 3

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (b) or (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
5	I 5 wt. parts	Glucose 1 wt. parts	Water 100 wt. parts	-	200°C × 5 min	3×10^6	⊙	⊙
6	II 5 wt. parts	1,4-Cyclohexanediol 1 wt. part	Water/IPA = 6/4 100 wt. parts	NH ₃ 0.2 wt. part	180°C × 10 min	1×10^7	⊙	⊙
7	III 5 wt. parts	Diethylene glycol 1 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	-	230°C × 10 min	5×10^6	⊙	⊙
8	IV 5 wt. parts	PVA 1 wt. part	Water/DMF ⁴⁾ = 5/5 100 wt. parts	-	200°C × 10 min	1×10^6	⊙	⊙
9	V 5 wt. parts	PVA 1 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	-	UV ⁵⁾ cure (120°C) 5 min	7×10^6	⊙	⊙

Table 4

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
10	V 5 wt. parts	PVA 1 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	-	Electron beam 5 min	5×10^6	⊙	⊙
Comp. Ex. 1	I 5 wt. parts	--	Water 100 wt. parts	-	150°C × 5 min	3×10^6	X	X

Table 5

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
11	I 0.5 wt. parts	PVA/polyester emulsion (Toyobo MD-1200, trade name of TOYOBO) = 1/92 wt. parts	Water 100 wt. parts	-	150°C × 5 min	1×10^7	⊙	⊙

Table 5 (continued)

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
12	11 wt. part	MMA ⁶⁾ /HEMA ⁷⁾ copolymer (1/9) emulsion 3 wt. parts	Water/IPA = 8/2 100 wt. parts	Polyoxyethylene nonyl phenyl ether	200°C × 5 min	5×10^7	⊙	⊙
13	10.3 wt. parts	MMA/HEA ⁸⁾ =9/1 copolymer emulsion 0.7 wt. part	Water 100 wt. parts	-	180°C × 5 min	1×10^7	⊙	⊙

Table 6

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
14	11 wt. part	Poly(vinyl acetate) emulsion (Pegal 365, trade name of Koatsu Gas Chemical) 4 wt. parts	Water 100 wt. parts	Polyoxyethylene octyl phenyl ether	150°C × 3 min	3×10^6	⊙	⊙
Comp. Ex. 2	10.5 wt. part	Water-soluble polyester resin (Vylonal MD-1200, trade name of TOYOBO) 2 wt. parts	Water 100 wt. parts	-	150°C × 5 min	3×10^7	X	⊙

Table 7

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (b), (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
15	13 wt. parts	Water-soluble polyester resin (Arastre-300 trade name of Arakawa Kagaku)	Water 100	Polyoxyethylene nonyl phenyl ether	200°C × 5 min	3×10^7	○	○
16	13 wt. parts	Water-soluble polyester (Byronal MD-1200 trade name of TOYOBO)	Water/IPA = 9/1	-	180°C × 1 min	3×10^7	○	○

Table 7 (continued)

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (b), (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
17	15 wt. parts	Water-based acrylic emulsion (Nikazol RX 301c, trade name of NIPPON CARBIDE INDUSTRIES CO., INC.)	Water 100	Sodium mono-octyl-sulfosuccinate	150°C × 3 min	9×10^6	○	○
18	13 wt. parts	Electron beam-curable acrylic resin emulsion (Microcyl, trade name of TOYO INK)	Water/IPA = 8/2	-	Electron beam 5 min	8×10^7	○	○
19	13 wt. parts	Water-based vinylidene emulsion (DX-301, trade name of Toa Gosei)	Water/IPA = 9/1	Barium stearate	180°C × 1 min	8×10^7	○	○
20	15 wt. parts	UV-curable emulsion (NK-oligo UA-W63, trade name of Shin Nakamura Kagaku)	Water/IPA = 8/2	-	UV-cure (120°C × 3 min)	8×10^7	○	○
21	11.5 wt. parts	Acrylic resin (Dianal SE, trade name of Mitsubishi Rayon)	Xylene	-	120°C × 5 min	6×10^7	○	○
22	11.3 wt. parts	Electron beam-curable resin (Diabeam, trade name of Mitsubishi Rayon)	Xylene	-	Electron beam 3 min	8×10^7	○	○

Table 8

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (b), (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
23	15 wt. parts	Acrylic resin (Dianal SE, trade name of Mitsubishi Rayon)	Xylene	Oleic acid	130°C × 3 min	5×10^7	○	○
24	13 wt. parts	Electron beam-curable resin (Diabeam, trade name of Mitsubishi Rayon)	Toluene	-	UV-cure (120°C × 3 min)	9×10^7	○	○
25	13 wt. parts	Polyester type resin (Diaclone ER, trade name of Mitsubishi Rayon)	Ethylbenzene	-	110°C × 5 min	8×10^7	○	○

Table 8 (continued)

Example No.	Polymer (a)	Cross-linkable compound (b), (c)	Solvent (d)	Additive	Cross-linking conditions	Electric conductivity (Ω/\square)	Solvent or water resistance	
							Water	Acetone
26	13 wt. parts	Water-soluble polyester resin (Arastar 300, trade name of Arakawa Kagaku/PVA = 9/1	Water	Sodium dioctylsulfosuccinate	150°C × 5 min	5×10^7	⊙	⊙
27	15 wt. parts	Water-based acrylic resin emulsion (Nikazole RX-301c, trade name of NIPPON CARBIDE INDUSTRIES CO., INC.)/PVA = 9/1	Water/IPA = 9/1	Polyethylene glycol n-octyl phenyl ether	180°C × 1 min	3×10^6	⊙	⊙
28	13 wt. parts	Electron beam-curable emulsion (Microcil, MG, trade name of TOYO INK)/PVA = 9/1	Water	Polyoxyethylene monosulfate	Electron beam	3×10^7	⊙	⊙
29	15 wt. parts	Water-based emulsion (DX-301, trade name of TOAGO-SEI)/PVA = 9/1	Water	Dodecylbenzenesulfonic acid	150°C × 3 min	5×10^7	⊙	⊙
30	110 wt. parts	UV-curable emulsion (NK oligo UA-W63, trade name of Shin Namamura Kagaku)	Water	-	UV-cure (120°C × 3 min)	1×10^6	⊙	⊙

1) PVA: Poly(vinyl alcohol)

2) IPA: Isopropanol

3) PEG: Polyethylene glycol

4) DMF: N,N-dimethylformamide

5) UV: Ultraviolet rays

6) MMA: Methyl methacrylate

7) HEMA: Hydroxyethyl methacrylate

8) HEA: Hydroxyethyl acrylate

9) Water-soluble polyester resin: MD-1200, a trade name of TOYOBO CO., LTD. in which 1 to 10% of a sulfonic acid group or a carboxyl group had been introduced into the polyester main chain.

10) ⊙ : Not dissolved at all during dipping, o: somewhat colored during dipping, Δ: a part of film was peeled during dipping, x: completely peeled.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

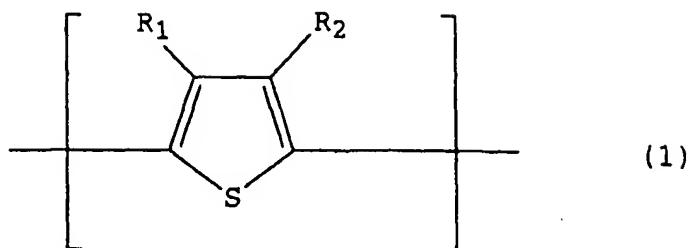
The composition comprising the cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of this invention as the main component is applicable to various antistatic agents, condensers, batteries, EMI shields, chemical sensors, display devices, nonlinear materials, corrosion-preventing agents, adhesives, fibers, antistatic paints, corrosion-preventing paints, electrodeposition paints, plating primers, electrostatic coating primers, electric prevention of corrosion and enhancement of condenser capacity of batteries. In particular, the cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition of

this invention has no dependency of electric conductivity on humidity and has a high transparency, and hence, is excellent in applicability to antistatic agents.

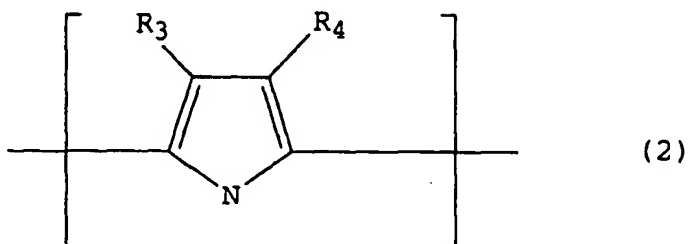
Specific applications of antistatic agents include wrapping materials, magnetic cards, magnetic tapes, magnetic discs, photographic films, printing materials, release films, heat-seal tapes or films, IC trays, ID carrier tapes, cover tapes and the like.

Claims

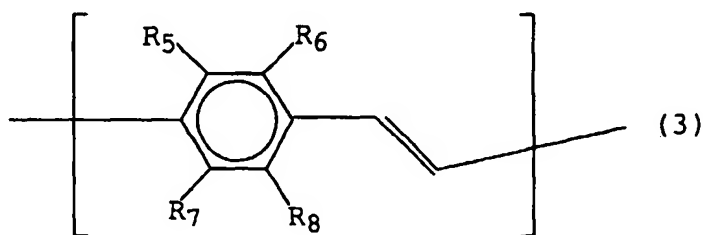
1. A cross-linkable, electrically conductive composition comprising (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group and (b) a thermally cross-linkable or ultraviolet- or electron beam-cross-linkable resin or paint (referred to hereinafter as the cross-linkable compound (b) in some cases).
2. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the said cross-linkable compound (b) is a thermally cross-linkable resin selected from the group consisting of epoxy resins, oligoester acrylates, xylene resins, guanamine resins, diallyl phthalate, vinyl ester resins, phenol resins, unsaturated polyester resins, furan resins, polyimides, poly(p-hydroxybenzoic acid), polyurethanes, maleic resins, melamine resins and urea resins.
3. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the said cross-linkable compound (b) is an ultraviolet- or electron beam-cross-linkable resin selected from the group consisting of liquid polybutadiene compounds, unsaturated polyester compounds, polyene-polythiol compounds, cationically polymerizable compounds, aminoalkyd resins, urethane acrylates, epoxy acrylates, polyester acrylates, polyether acrylates, acrylate monomers, acrylic oligomers and water-based acrylates.
4. The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the said cross-linkable compound (b) is in the form of emulsion.
5. The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the said cross-linkable compound (b) is a water-soluble resin.
6. A composition which comprises (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group and (c) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or carboxyl group of the polymer (a) (referred to hereinafter as the cross-linkable compound (c) in some cases).
7. The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the functional groups of said cross-linkable compound (c) are selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl group, silanol group, thiol group, amino group and epoxy group.
8. The composition according to Claim 7, wherein the functional groups of said cross-linkable compound (c) are selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl group, epoxy group and silanol group.
9. The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the said cross-linkable compound (c) is in the form of an emulsion.
10. The composition according to Claim 6, wherein the said cross-linkable compound (c) is a water-soluble resin.
11. A composition which comprises (a) a soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a sulfonic acid group and/or a carboxyl group, (b) a thermally cross-linkable or ultraviolet- or electron beam-cross-linkable resin and (c) a compound having at least two functional groups capable of reacting with the sulfonic acid group and/or carboxyl group of the soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a).
12. The composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, wherein the said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is a water-soluble, electrically conducting polymer having a molecular weight of at least 2,000 and comprising as a recurring unit at least one member selected from the group consisting of:



15 wherein each of $R_1 - R_2$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of R_1 and R_2 is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,

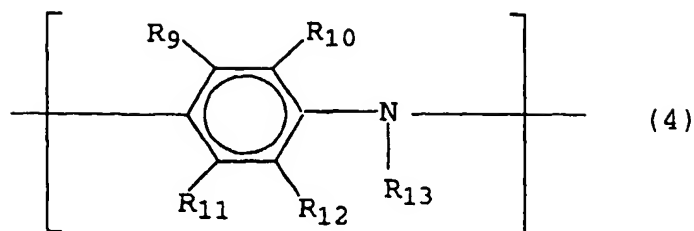


30 wherein each of $R_3 - R_4$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of R_3 and R_4 is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,

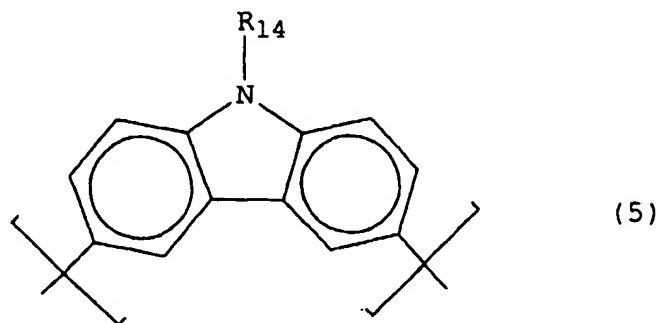


50 wherein each of $R_5 - R_8$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H, $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of $R_5 - R_8$ is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%,

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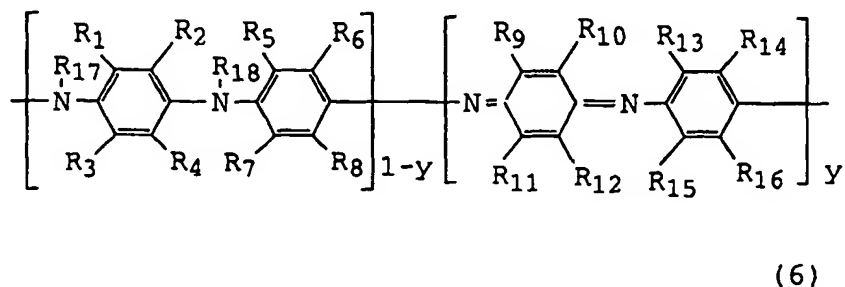


wherein each of $\text{R}_9 - \text{R}_{13}$ is individually selected from the group consisting of H , $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, $-\text{Br}$, $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{NO}_2$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group; at least one of $\text{R}_9 - \text{R}_{13}$ is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$; and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%.



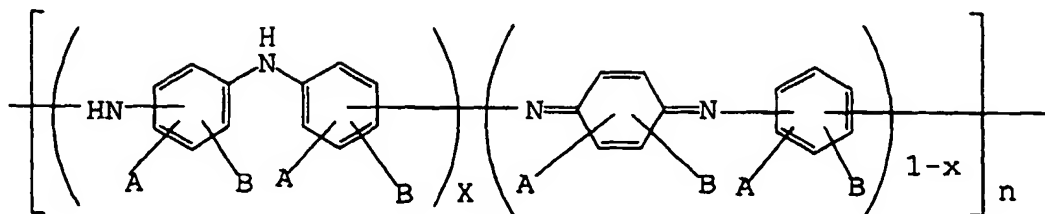
wherein R_{14} is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group.

13. The composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, wherein the said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is:



wherein $0 \leq y \leq 1$; each of $\text{R}_1 - \text{R}_{18}$ is independently selected from the group consisting of H , SO_3^- , $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{OCH}_3$, $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{C}_2\text{H}_5$, $-\text{F}$, $-\text{Cl}$, Br , $-\text{I}$, $-\text{N}(\text{R}_{19})_2$, $-\text{NHCOR}_{19}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{O}^-$, $-\text{SR}_{19}$, $-\text{OR}_{19}$, $-\text{OCOR}_{19}$, NO_2 , $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, $-\text{COOR}_{19}$, $-\text{COR}_{19}$, $-\text{CHO}$ and $-\text{CN}$ in which R_{19} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_{24}$ alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group, at least one of $\text{R}_1 - \text{R}_{16}$ is a group selected from the group consisting of $-\text{SO}_3^-$, SO_3H , $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3^-$, $-\text{R}_{19}\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ and $-\text{R}_{19}\text{COOH}$, and the proportion of rings having said group is about 20% to 100%.

14. The composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, wherein the said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is:



wherein A is one group selected from the group consisting of sulfonic acid group, carboxyl group, and their alkali metal salts, ammonium salts and substituted ammonium salts; B represents one group selected from the group consisting of methyl group, ethyl group, n-propyl group, isopropyl group, n-butyl group, isobutyl group, sec-butyl group, t-butyl group, dodecyl group, tetracosyl group, methoxy group, ethoxy group, n-propoxy group, isopropoxy group, n-butoxy group, isobutoxy group, sec-butoxy group, t-butoxy group, heptoxy group, hexoxy group, octoxy group, dodecoxy group, tetracosoxy group, fluoro group, chloro group and bromo group; x represents any number of 0 to 1; n represents a degree of polymerization of 3 or more.

15. The composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 11, wherein the said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) has a sulfonic acid group content of 50% or more.
16. The composition according to Claim 15, wherein the substituent of said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is an electron donating group.
17. The composition according to Claim 15, wherein the substituent of said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is an electron donating group and the content of the sulfonic acid group is 80% or more.
18. The composition according to Claim 15, wherein the substituent of said soluble, electrically conducting polymer (a) is an alkoxy group and the content of the sulfonic acid group is 80% or more.
19. A cross-linkable electric conductor in which the composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 17 is formed on at least one surface of a substrate.
20. A process for forming a cross-linkable, electric conductor which comprises forming a film of the composition according to any one of Claims 1 to 17 on at least one surface of a substrate and cross-linking the film by heating or with an ionizing radiation to insolubilize the same.

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